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PF-YF Conference Holds Annual Meeting In March

More than one hundred-fifty young people and their advisors registered for the 1963 Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention PF-YF, held March 30 and 31 at Williams Chapel, Waycross, Georgia.

Registration was followed by Fellowship Singing and the Call to Order by President Wray Allen. The Conference Hymn, "Give of Your Best to the Master", introduced the theme of the meeting, "Serving the World Through Christ." Rev. Carlton C. Johnson of the Stewardship Council, United Church of Christ, challenged the young people and adults to more consecrated Christian witness. Distributing an arm band to each person, he suggested that while we are more inclined to be Christians when some identifying badge marks us as such, the real test comes when our identity is known only by our thoughts and actions.

Workshop periods, based on the five Program Areas of the Youth Ministry, were held on Saturday afternoon, with various young people in charge. Mrs. Marrell Rhodes led a Workshop for Adult Advisors. Following the workshops a large caravan of cars took most of the group to Okefenokee Swamp Park.

"The Swamper's Den" at Ware High School was the scene for the Saturday evening banquet. Delicious food was served by boys of the local Key Club, followed by a highly amusing and challenging message by Mr. Harold Joiner. Other entertainment was arranged by Jim Jernigan, bringing the evening to a happy climax.

During the Sunday morning session the following officers were elected and installed: President, Miss Beth Burnham; vice-president, Dennis Adkins; corresponding secretary, Miss Nancy Dingler; recording secretary, Miss Pat Brackin; treasurer, Michael Cozza; Faith chairman, Miss Linda Williams; Action chairman, James Lightbourne; Fellowship chairman, Lee Harris. A very

Southeast Convention Holds Annual Sessions April 27-28 With Huntsville United Church

More than 200 delegates and visitors attended the eleventh annual meeting of the Southeast Convention held April 27-28 at Huntsville, Alabama.

Rev. J. Kermit Harris, moderator, presided over the sessions which saw the delegates vote two timely resolutions.

One resolution expressed the sympathetic concern of the convention for those members of the United Church fellowship involved in the current struggles in Birmingham . . . in their efforts to obtain economic justice and the recognition of their human dignity.

Another resolution placed the convention in opposition to capital punishment.

Elected moderator for the new year is W. Pressley Ingram, well known layman of the convention from Pilgrim Church, Birmingham. Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Brookmeade Church, Nashville, Tenn., was elected moderator-elect.

Continued in office were Mrs. A. D. Harry, Lanett, the recording secretary, and W. J. Strickland, Atlanta, the treasurer of the convention.

The keynote address was delivered by Rev. Edward A. Powers, secretary of the Division of Christian Education of the Board for Homeland Ministries, on the theme, "The Church — A Learning Community."

Earlier the delegates had heard Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, vice-chairman of the Executive Council of the United Church and president of Catawba College, report on the progress of the United Church. The year 1962 saw both an increase in the number of former Congregational Christian churches vot-

ing to be a part of the United Church and a new high reached in benevolent giving.

Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. reported that the churches of the convention had reached the highest total of support of Our Christian World Mission in 1962 — \$33,465 — but that the rate of increase was not sufficient to meet the needs of Our Program of Progress. The churches of the convention were urged to increase their support of OCWM greatly in 1963.

Workshops in Christian Education, Social Action, Stewardship and Missionary Education, and Evangelism were held as a part of the afternoon sessions.

Fraternal delegates from the Convention of the South (Negro) and from the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in Birmingham, Cullman, and Belvidere were present.

On Saturday night a joint banquet of the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship was held. Dr. Dearborn spoke on the place of the laity in the life of the United Church.

Mrs. Noel Allen, Lanett, Alabama, was elected new president of the Women's Fellowship to succeed Miss Dora C. Brackin.

Continued in office as the president of the Churchmen's Fellowship was Rufus G. Obrecht of Chattanooga.

The annual meeting of the Church Builder's Club was held on Sunday morning. The delegates voted to continue the Russell Woods Church, Phenix City, as the current project and continued president Fred Powell, Tallassee, in office.

The committee on reorganization and realignment reported that the actions leading to the formation of the United Church Conference for the area will be presented for consideration at the next annual meeting of the convention.

The new United Church in Huntsville was host to the sessions. Rev. W. Raymond Berry is pastor.

inspirational message was brought by Rev. Annie R. Campbell.

Following morning worship and Sunday dinner, the meeting was adjourned, with an invitation extended for the 1964 meeting by Central Congregational Church, Atlanta.

Rev. William E. Wimer Audio-Visual Director

The Rev. William E. Wimer of Philadelphia has been named director of the Office for Audio Visuals of the United Church of Christ.

He will assume his new position here on May 1 in the offices of the denomination's Stewardship Council.

(The United Church of Christ is a union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian churches).

Since 1954 Mr. Wimer has served the national staff of his denomination in the field of Christian education: for seven years as director of the Department of Adult Work and Family Life of the Board of Christian Education and Publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and for two years as chairman of the Adult Ministry Staff of the Division of Christian Education of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

From 1951 to 1954 he was minister of the Kingston Congregational Church, Kingston, Rhode Island, and during the same period was also chaplain to Protestant students at the University of Rhode Island there. From 1946 to 1951 he was Congregational secretary for the Student Christian Movement in New England, with offices in Boston.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Wimer was graduated from Germantown High School there and in 1939 from Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa. He has also studied at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and at Yale.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimer live at 3652 Briskan Street, Harrisburg. They have three children.

Book About United Church Available From Convention

The book, "The United Church of Christ — Its Origins, Organization, and Role in the World Today", by Dr. Douglas Horton may be borrowed from the Southeast Convention office.

No one is better suited than Dr. Douglas Horton to tell the story of the United Church of Christ. He was the minister of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches from 1938 to 1955, during much of the negotiation which brought the United Church of Christ into being.

Convention Office Has New Filmstrip On Hand

In a new filmstrip, "The Factors that Confront Us," recently added to the Southeast Convention library, seven major challenges for today's world are presented; the population explosion, technological revolution, rising expectations of men and women in the underdeveloped areas of the world, rising nationalism, end of Christian predominance, emergence of a world church, and the weapons revolution.

Many issues are raised which must be of vital concern to Christians. Population-wise, for example, the National Council of Churches reminds us that in order to accommodate population growth in the United States alone, we probably should be adding at least 2,000 new churches a year. Technologically speaking, the center of our culture is becoming not Christian, as most of us had hoped, but technological and scientific. Indicative of the "end of Christian predominance" is the reminder that Buddhism, Islam, Confucianism, and Hinduism already outnumber Christianity by 50%, and that the percentage of Christians among the world population is going down!

"The Factors that Confront Us" should provoke a great deal of concern and discussion about the role of the Christian Church in the light of such factors. We suggest that it be used with young people and adults only when meaningful discussion is a part of the program. It is a sound and color filmstrip of 79 frames, with 33 1/3 r. p. m. record.

Dr. Galen R. Weaver Has New Special Assignment

The Rev. Dr. Galen R. Weaver of New York City, secretary for racial and cultural relations for the United Church of Christ, is presently "on loan" to the National Conference on Religion and Race.

According to a recent announcement Dr. Weaver will coordinate mobilization of the nation's major religious groups for an all-out attack on racial injustice subsequent to the first meeting of the conference held in Chicago in January.

Local interfaith committees, charged with the task of organizing conferences on religion and race, are now being formed in key cities across the nation.

Ten Little Christians

Ten little Christians,
Standing in a line;
One disliked the preacher,
Then there were nine.
Nine little Christians
Stayed up very late,
One slept on Sunday,
Then there were eight.

Eight little Christians
On the road to heaven,
One took the lower road;
Then there were seven.
Seven little Christians
Got into a fix,
One disliked music,
Then there were six.

Six little Christians
Very much alive,
But one lost her interest;
Then there were five.
Five little Christians
Wishing there were more,
But they quarreled;
Then there were four.

Four little Christians
Cheerful as could be,
But one lost his temper;
Then there were three.
Three little Christians
Knew not what to do,
One joined a sporty crowd,
Then there were two.

Two little Christians —
Our rhyme is nearly done —
Differed with each other;
Then there was one.
One lone Christian
Won his neighbor true,
Brought him with him to church;
Then there were two.

Two earnest Christians,
Each won one more,
That doubled their number;
Then there were four.
Four sincere Christians
Worked very late,
But each won another;
Then there were eight.
Eight splendid Christians,
But nothing rhymes with 16,
So we simply note that
In four more rhymes there
Would be 1,042, which would
Be quite a church full.

Layland G. Smith in British Weekly

**EXTEND YOUR HORIZONS
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CHURCH MAGAZINES**

United Church To Hold Town And Country Meet

A half dozen church leaders of national reputation will feature the program of the second quadrennial United Church Town and Country Convocation as it faces "Church and Culture in Crisis" during the sessions to be held on the lovely campus of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, next August 27-29.

Approximately 500 laity, clergy and denominational leaders are expected to hear presentations, share in panel discussions and participate in numerous informal discussions at the three-day convocation.

The keynote speaker on "The Cultural Crisis of Our Time" is Dr. John Brewster of Washington, D. C. Although attached to the Economic Research Service of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Dr. Brewster is widely known beyond agricultural circles as a social philosopher of profound insight and penetrating analysis of contemporary culture.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, Lutheran pastor, associate editor of THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, author and lecturer, will focus the attention of the convocation upon the crisis within the church itself. Sharing this phase of the program, Dr. Shirley E. Greene, United Church Secretary for Church in Town and Country, will speak of the church's crisis in relation to community and culture.

Dealing with various facets of the church's witness to culture will be Dr. Roger Shinn of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Harold C. Letts, and Dr. Henry McCanna, both of the staff of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Letts is an executive in the Division of Christian Life and Work. Dr. McCanna is executive of the National Council's Department of the Church in Town and Country.

To summarize the message of the convocation and to project it into the life stream of the denomination for the next quadrennium, the delegates will be privileged to hear Dr. Robert W. Spike, program secretary of the Board of Homeland Ministries.

Recruitment for the convocation at Tiffin is primarily in the hands of the conference committees on the Church in Town and Country. Some scholarship aid is available from National Board sources. You are urged to make your personal interest known to Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. The convocation and scholarship aid is open to laity on an equal basis with clergy.

New York City Is Recommended United Church Headquarters

The Committee on Permanent Headquarters of the United Church of Christ today recommended that the two million member denomination establish its national headquarters in New York City.

The committee's decision will have to be ratified by the General Synod of the church when it meets in Denver, Colorado, July 3 to 11.

Meantime, the preliminary report is being sent to the 6,755 churches of the denomination with a request for "comments and suggestions."

Major factors listed in the choice of New York City for the headquarters were transportation facilities, access to the mass media of communication, availability of investment and financial counsel, and ease of communication with other denominations and with interdenominational organizations, most of which are located in the area.

Geographical location was not considered of primary importance, according to the committee's chairman, the Rev. Joseph H. Evans, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chicago, Illinois, since regional offices have been established by United Church agencies to serve the churches, local associations and state conferences.

The committee expressed the view that it would not be "feasible" for the United Church of Christ to erect a headquarters building in New York City "at this time," and recommends that adequate space be leased.

In New York City the church is now occupying space at 287, 289, and 297 Park Avenue South and in the Interchurch Center at 475 Riverside Drive.

The Headquarters Committee's report represents almost two years of research into a problem essentially new to the two communions which united to form the United Church of Christ, according to the Rev. Dr. Ben Mohr Herbster, New York City, president of the denomination.

Neither group had ever had one central headquarters. The Evangelical and Reformed Church had offices in St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Cleveland. The boards and agencies associated with the Congregational Christian Churches were located in Boston, New York City, and Chicago.

In its report, the Headquarters Committee said the establishment of a na-

Rev. James H. Hughes, Senior Minister Passes

The Reverend James H. Hughes passed away at his residence at Pisgah, Alabama, on Thursday, March 28, 1963.

The memorial services for Mr. Hughes were conducted the following day by Rev. Guy L. Colbert, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church at Pisgah, and Rev. Arnold Johnson, pastor of the Ida Baptist Church. Burial took place in the Pisgah Cemetery.

Mr. Hughes was born on June 25, 1870. He and Mrs. Hughes were married on April 9, 1894, and would have celebrated their 69th anniversary this year had he lived.

At the time of his passing the Rev. Mr. Hughes was the oldest living minister of the Southeast Convention. In point of service he had served the churches of the convention longer than any other minister.

Ordained in 1894 at the Pleasant Grove Church in Chambers County, he served for more than fifty years the churches of the East Alabama Association. His last parish before his retirement was the church at Pisgah.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Hughes; three daughters, Miss Iva Hughes, Mrs. Mable Miles, and Mrs. Lura Hargis; one son, James H. Hughes Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hughes and her daughter, Miss Iva Hughes, make their home together in Pisgah.

tional headquarters is "essential" for the development of "singleness of purpose and effort" in the denomination. Another reason given was "that the unity of the mission of our church may be seen more clearly."

A previous committee which reported to the denomination's General Synod in July 1961 suggested that a location in the Philadelphia-New York metropolitan area be considered. At the time, the Synod asked its Executive Council to appoint a new committee to explore the subject further.

The present committee is composed of ten persons from each of the former communions and includes 11 ministers, 3 lay women, and 6 laymen. None of the members is an executive of the church or its instrumentalities. States represented on the committee are California, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

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Superintendent's Corner

The rains seem to follow the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention. It has rained sometime during each of the last five convention meetings. At Huntsville it seemed to be raining the whole time. However, this could not dampen the enthusiasm of the host church and the delegates and visitors attending the sessions.

Considering the distances involved and the weather, the attendance was surprisingly good. Counting everybody, more than 200 people put in an appearance. 171 were served at the luncheon on Saturday and 164 attended the joint banquet on Saturday night.

The new site of the host church was of great interest to the visitors to Huntsville. An old farmhouse located on approximately three acres of land in a growing area in the south section of Huntsville has been purchased. The farmhouse has been renovated to be used both for Sunday School and for the regular services of worship. The changes have been made both attractive and efficient. Rev. W. Raymond Berry, pastor, and the members of the congregation are to be congratulated.

Dr. Donald C. Dearborn and Rev. Edward A. Powers were effective speakers. It was good for us to have the chance to get to know Dr. and Mrs. Dearborn and Mr. Powers. Their friendly spirit added much to the meeting.

Moderator J. Kermit Harris kept the meeting moving along efficiently and with ease. Rev. Harold C. Henderson, the chaplain, effectively led us in meaningful worship.

Was your church represented? If not, why not make it a point for next year? We want every church represented!

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TRUSTEES

1964

Rev. J. Kermit Harris, Columbus, Ga.
Mrs. G. F. Logan, Tallahassee, Ala.

1965

Rev. A. Ray Meserve, Knoxville, Tenn.
Rev. William M. McCullars, Pine Mountain, Ga.

1966

Rev. Earle H. Temple Jr., Andalusia, Ala.
Rev. John D. Schofield, Lanett, Ala.
Mr. Grover C. Dick, Montgomery, Ala.
Mr. J. F. Stinecipher, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Rev. H. Y. Sears, Pearson, Ga.

People ...



David Moncus Receives God And Country Award

In the picture above, David Moncus, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Moncus of the Lanett Church, is shown receiving the "God and Country" award during the church services on Boy Scout Sunday. Mr. Moncus is the Advisor for Explorer Post I. Mr. and Mrs. Moncus are shown standing with their son. To the rear are Scout Executive Douglas Kelley and Rev. John D. Schofield.

Ministerial Departures

The Rev. John D. Schofield

The Rev. John D. Schofield, pastor of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church since September of 1957, has resigned to become minister of the United Church, Portsmouth, Va. He will begin his new duties the middle of May.

Mr. Schofield is moderator of the East Alabama Association and chairman of the Evangelism Committee of the convention. He has been active in the association and convention in a variety of ways.

Rev. and Mrs. Schofield will be missed greatly by Lanett and the association and convention. Their daughter, Frances, will continue to live in Lanett.

Mr. Schofield came to Lanett from the Congregational Christian Church in Gary, Indiana.

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The Rev. James T. McAdams

The Rev. James T. McAdams resigned as the minister of Center Church, Atlanta, effective March 1, due to his transfer by the federal government to Miami, Fla.

Mr. McAdams was called to Center Church in 1956 while he was a Licentiate in the Ga.-S. C. Conference. He was ordained in 1959.

Mr. McAdams and their son, Tommy, are living in Miami. Mrs. McAdams and their daughter, Beverly, will join

Churches ... Events ...

HERE AND THERE

Eighth Ecumenical Institute

The Eighth Annual Ecumenical Institute will be held at the Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C., July 21-26.

The theme of the institute, which is sponsored by the southern office of the National Council of Churches, is "Servants of the Eternal Christ."

All ministers and members of local churches are eligible to attend. For information please write to:

Rev. J. Edward Lantz
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Rev. A. Ray Meserve

Readers of the Southeast News will be delighted to hear that Mr. Meserve is making steady progress in recovery from the heart attack suffered in February. He may be able to take up part of his duties in another month.

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Mr. G. E. Farmer

Mr. G. E. Farmer is also recovering nicely from the heart attack he suffered and should be able to resume his activities within a reasonable period of time. The good wishes of the churches are with him.

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Social Action At Lanett

The Social Action Committee of the Lanett Church sponsored two Sunday night services dedicated to the study of Communism and the Christian Faith. James Dollar, layman of the Langdale Church, was one of the leaders.

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Mr. Ralph Smith Licensed

Mr. Ralph Smith, a member of the Todd Church, Shawmut, was licensed by the East Alabama Association at a service held at the church on Sunday, March 24. Rev. Olin Sheppard, chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, delivered the sermon.

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Langdale Revival

Rev. Lynwood Hubbard, formerly a minister of the Southeast Convention and now pastor of a yoked parish near Ramseur, N. C., was the guest preacher for the revival services at Langdale the week of April 28. Rev. George W. Stowe is pastor of the church.

them in June. The McAdamses will be greatly missed.



Valley District Rally Held At Lanett Church

The young people of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Valley, plus two churches in Phenix City, met at the Lanett Congregational Christian Church on Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, for a District Rally as a part of the observance of nationwide Youth Sunday.

Newly-elected officers of the district are shown above. They are, front row, left to right: Ann Williamson, Langdale, secretary-treasurer; Jane Maddox, Langdale, vice-president; Joan Boggs, Lanett, president. Back row, left to right: Mrs. John Dollar, host sponsor; Connie Elliott, Phenix City, chairman of the Fellowship Commission; Pacita Harry, Lanett, chairman of the Faith Commission; Jane Dailey, Lanett, chairman of the Action Commission; Rev. George W. Stowe, pastor of the Langdale church and adult advisor of the District Pilgrim Fellowship.

Southern Union Pushes Pocket Cross Project

The familiar Pocket Cross carried by many church people, particularly within the United Church, is available through Southern Union College.

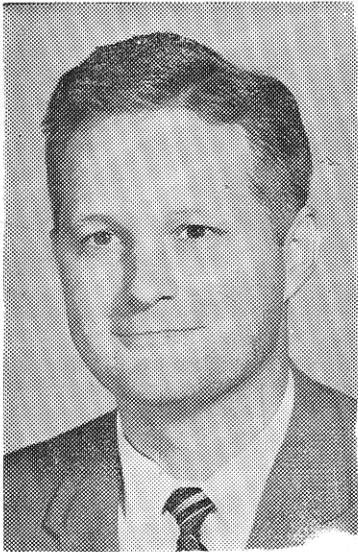
The Pocket Cross project was turned over to the college several years ago. The money made through the sale of the crosses is devoted to scholarship aid for needy students.

Prices are:

1 for \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50, 6 for \$4.75,
12 for \$9.00 — all postage prepaid; and
25 for \$18.75, 50 for \$37.50, 100 for
\$72.00 — plus postage.

Order from:

Pocket Cross
Southern Union College
Wadley, Alabama



REV. ALBERT L. HENRY

Pilgrim Church Calls Rev. Albert L. Henry

The Reverend Albert L. Henry has been called as minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Ala., and began his new duties with Easter Sunday.

Mr. Henry comes to Pilgrim Church from the position of Director of Pastoral Care, Mississippi State Hospital, Whitfield, Miss., a position he has held since 1959.

A graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, in 1949, Mr. Henry attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., graduating in 1953. He has also received clinical training at the Central State Hospital, Lakeland, Ky., and the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Henry was ordained in June of 1950 at the Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia. He served the University Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., from 1955 to 1959.

He was married to the former Carol Moore in 1950. They have three daughters, Linda ('52), Nancy ('55), and Janet ('59).

Pilgrim Church sold its former par-

Resolutions Voted By Convention Delegates

Whereas, we the delegates to the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches have enjoyed fellowship and inspiration in this meeting at Huntsville, Alabama.

Be It Resolved that we express to our visiting speakers our gratitude for their messages. We appreciate the presence of Dr. Donald C. Dearborn, who has challenged us by presenting the facts concerning the financial basis of Our Christian World Mission; and again on the possibility of the laity becoming a working and witnessing church. We are grateful to Rev. Edward A. Powers for his relevant and incisive presentation on Christian Education.

Be It Further Resolved that we thank the officers of the convention for their continued faithfulness and consecrated leadership: Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr.; Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock; Office Secretary, Mrs. Wilmer L. McCord; Moderator, Rev. J. Kermit Harris; Moderator-Elect, W. P. Ingram; Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Harry; and Treasurer, W. J. Strickland.

Whereas, the host church has entertained us so graciously,

Be It Resolved that we thank Rev. and Mrs. W. Raymond Berry and all the members of the United Church of Huntsville for their many labors on our behalf.

Whereas, two leaders of the convention, Rev. A. Ray Meserve and G. Everett Farmer, have suffered serious heart attacks,

Be It Resolved that we express our sympathy to them and our hopes for their speedy recovery.

Whereas, members of our United Church Fellowship are involved in the current struggles in Birmingham, Ala-

sonage and has purchased a new home in the vicinity of the church.

Mr. Henry is in the process of transferring his ministerial standing to the United Church Fellowship.

Churchmen's Fellowship June Retreat Planned

The Churchmen's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention is planning a retreat for the weekend of June 8-9. The retreat will be held at The Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama.

While the retreat is aimed primarily at the laymen of the churches, both ordained ministers and laywomen are invited to attend.

The Reverend William A. Slater, General Secretary for Administration of the Council for Lay Life and Work, is the guest leader for the retreat. Mr. Slater will discuss the program opportunities and materials available in the United Church.

The Reverend Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education of the Southeast Convention, will lead in the study of Heidelberg Confession.

Laymen of the convention will lead in worship. There will be many opportunities for discussion and fellowship.

The activities will begin with registration on Saturday morning and will continue until Sunday afternoon. Adjournment is planned for 2:30 p. m.

All of the meals and housing will be provided on the college campus. The total cost per person, including registration, will be \$6.00.

Rufus G. Obrecht, president of the Churchmen's Fellowship, is head of the planning for the retreat.

Registrations for attendance at the retreat should be sent to:

Rufus G. Obrecht
310 Green Gorge Road
Signal Mountain, Tenn.

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Be It Resolved that we express our sympathetic concern for them in their efforts to obtain economic justice and the recognition of their human dignity.

Whereas, efforts are now being made to abolish capital punishment in several of the states in the area of the convention,

Be It Resolved that this annual meeting goes on record as supporting legislation to abolish capital punishment.